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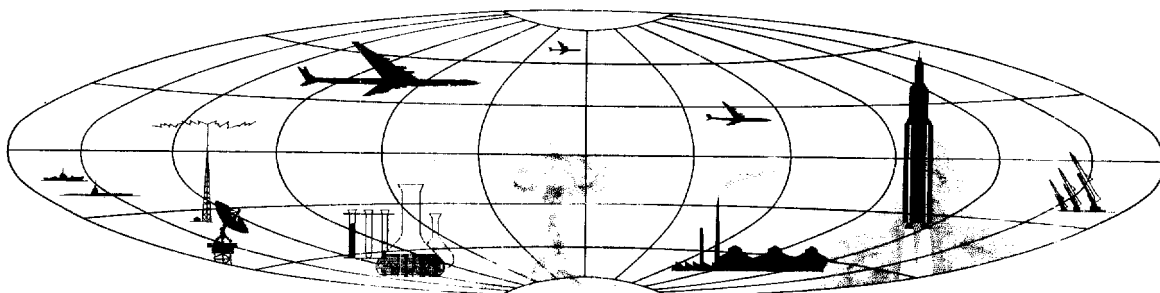
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3578, DATED 28 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 2257N 08239W

25X1A

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
SEVEN VEHICLES OBSERVED BY ARCHED-ROOF BUILDING AND
3 VEHICLES IN VEHICLE PARK.

25X1D

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N 08236W

25X1A

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
SIXTEEN VEHICLES OBSERVED IN SUPPORT AREA.

25X1D

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, AT LEAST 5 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND A REVETTED OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SITE APPEARS ABANDONED.
NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
TWENTY-SIX MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (5 CANVAS-COVERED)
OBSERVED.

25X1D

HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 MISSILE
TRANSPORTERS (2 EACH IN 2 NET-COVERED HOLD POSITIONS,
2 IN AN UNCOVERED HOLD POSITION, AND ONE NEAR THE
CANVAS-COVERED VEHICLE PARK HARDSTAND), A REVETTED
OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA, 2 VANS (EACH IN SMALL
REVETMENT), 3 LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, AND 4 SMALL SOVIET-
TYPE TENTS, 3 OTHER VEHICLES, AND 2 ADDITIONAL VANS.

25X1D

MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNRETTED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS,
3 CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITIONS, ONE MISSILE
TRANSPORTER IN WOODED AREA, AN UNRETTED OCCUPIED
GUIDANCE AREA, 5 PRIME MOVERS PARKED IN WOODS, AND
APPROXIMATELY 10 VEHICLES/VANS.

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CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE CONTAINS 2 LAUNCHERS, 10-12 CRUISE-MISSILE
CRATES, A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA, AND
APPROXIMATELY 25 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 4 FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE LIAISON/TRAINER.

25X1D

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 35 FISHBED, 3 FARMER, 21 FAGOT/FRESCO,
3 T-6, 11 B-26, AND 6 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE
AIRCRAFT.

25X1D

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 4 C-46, 4 CRATE, ONE
C-47, 3 C-54, ONE COOT, ONE BRITANNIA, ONE LODESTAR,
3 LIAISON/TRAINER, ONE B-26, ONE CESSNA 310, AND ONE
BEECHCRAFT.

25X1D

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CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE PBV, 2 C-47, 3 CRATE, 6 COLT, AND 44
LIAISON/TRAINER.

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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.
APPROXIMATELY 60 VEHICLES AT EAST END OF RUNWAY.

25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 65 HOUND (ONE MINUS ROTOR), 6 HARE,
2 BELL HELICOPTER, ONE C-47, ONE CRATE, AND
APPROXIMATELY 31 HELICOPTER CRATES.

25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, 3 PC, AND ONE PF.

25X1D

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 15 LARGE FREIGHTERS (ONE IN DRYDOCK), 2
LARGE TANKERS, 4 TRAWLERS, ONE COASTAL TANKER, 7
COASTAL FREIGHTERS, 8 PT (ONE ON MARINE RAILWAY), ONE
PF, AND 3 PC.

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

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NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

25X1D

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2301N 08225W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
THIRTY-TWO VEHICLES/VANS OBSERVED.

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
AT LEAST 9 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED -- 10 LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, AND 2 SMALL TENTS, 39 TANKS/SP GUNS, 4 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 2 PROBABLE FROG LAUNCHERS, 70 CARGO TRUCKS, 6 UTILITY TRUCKS, 106 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 11 CARGO TRAILERS, 2 LOWBOY TRAILERS, AND 55 EIGHT-WHEELED APC. APPROXIMATELY 50 PERSONNEL OBSERVED WITHIN BARRACKS AREA. THIRTY-EIGHT LARGE AND 6 MEDIUM TENTS (NOT OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE) ALSO REMAIN.

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LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
APPROXIMATELY 16 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
SIX VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

SCATTERED CLOUDS, CLOUD SHADOW, AND GAP IN
PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED -- 32 LARGE,
10 MEDIUM, AND 7 SMALL TENTS, 13 TENTS (NOT OF A KNOWN
SOVIET TYPE), 13 TANKS/SP GUNS, 3 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED
VEHICLES, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 32
CARGO TRUCKS, 4 UTILITY TRUCKS, 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED

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TREADWAY BRIDGES, AND 17 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
FOLIAGE PRECLUDES A MORE ACCURATE TENT COUNT.
THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.

25X1D

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED IN THE AREAS LISTED
BELOW --

REFORMATORY PROPER -- 30 LARGE, 13 MEDIUM AND 6 SMALL
TENTS, 9 CARGO TRUCKS, 4 UTILITY TRUCKS, AND 9 VAN
TRUCKS.

MOTOR PARK AND BILLETING AREA .3 NM SOUTH -- 10 LARGE,
19 MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT, 146 CARGO TRUCKS,
27 UTILITY TRUCKS, 51 VAN TRUCKS, 6 TRACKED PRIME
MOVERS, AND 24 CARGO TRAILERS.

MOTOR PARK .7 NM SSW -- ONE MEDIUM AND 4 SMALL TENTS,
36 CARGO TRUCKS, 3 UTILITY TRUCKS, 2 POL TRUCKS, 57
VAN TRUCKS, 3 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 5 UNIDENTIFIED
VEHICLES, 6 CARGO TRAILERS, AND 3 VAN TRAILERS.

MOTOR PARK .9 NM SE -- 79 CARGO TRUCKS, ONE UTILITY
TRUCK, 10 VAN TRUCKS, 99 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 9
CARGO TRAILERS.

AAA SITE 1.5 NM SSE -- 15 CARGO TRUCKS, ONE VAN TRUCK,
10 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, ONE UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLE,
AND 4 CARGO TRAILERS. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE REMAINS
OCCUPIED.

BILLETING AREA 1.9 NM SOUTH -- 15 LARGE, 6 MEDIUM,
AND 11 SMALL TENTS, 63 CARGO TRUCKS, ONE UTILITY
TRUCK, 26 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 3 POSSIBLE K-61
TRACKED AMPHIBIANS, 3 PROBABLE HEAVY PONTON BRIDGES,
AND 2 TRUCK-MOUNTED CRANES (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.)

MOTOR PARK 1.2 NM SW -- 22 TANKS/SP GUNS, 29 CARGO
TRUCKS, AND 2 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

TWENTY-TWO LOWBOY TRAILERS AND AT LEAST 300 ADDITIONAL
VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

AREA CONTAINS 16 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY 12
TRUCKS.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDO, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

SIXTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY 15
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

SEVENTEEN FA PIECES AND APPROXIMATELY 34 VEHICLES
OBSERVED.

25X1D

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 35 PRIME MOVERS,
APPROXIMATELY 36 PROBABLE FA PIECES, AND APPROXIMATELY
23 TRUCKS.
WEST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 51 TRUCKS AND 21 PROBABLE
FA PIECES.

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LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

TWO LOWBOY TRAILERS AND APPROXIMATELY 85 OTHER
VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 14 TANKS/SP GUNS, 58 OTHER VEHICLES, AND 4 FA PIECES.

AREA 2 -- 16 VEHICLES.

AREA 3 -- 26 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY 10 OTHER VEHICLES.

AREA 4 -- 21 FA PIECES.

25X1D

HAVANA, VEHICLE PARK 2309N 08215W

2.6 NM WSW OF TARARA, .3 NM WEST OF HAVANA SAM SITE, AND ADJACENT TO SOUTH SIDE OF HAVANA GOLF COURSE. APPROXIMATELY 100 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

MINAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2306N 08211W

0.8 NM SOUTH OF MINAS AND .5 NM WNW OF CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE.

AREA, IN AN ABANDONED GRAVEL PIT, CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 83 PROBABLE FA PIECES, APPROXIMATELY 178 TRUCKS, AND 10 LARGE NON-SOVIET-TYPE TENTS.

25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

APPROXIMATELY 75 VEHICLES AND APPROXIMATELY 50 SMALL VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT OBSERVED ALONG LOOP ROAD.

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MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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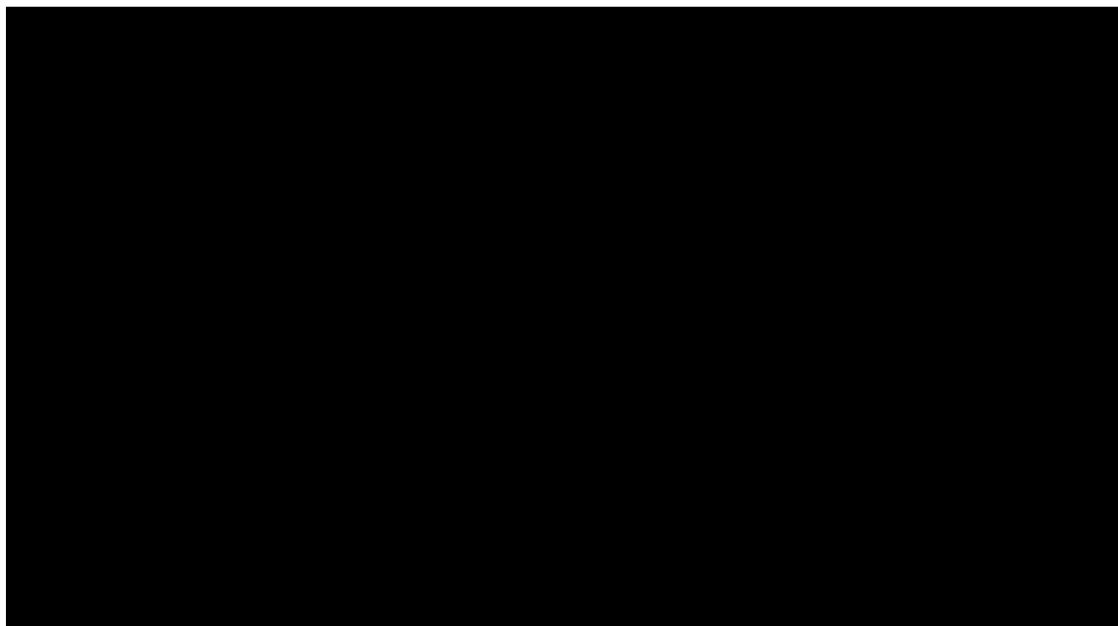
BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
FORTY-EIGHT VEHICLES OBSERVED IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

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CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C 2258N 08258W

NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.
THE 16 UNIDENTIFIED CRATES REMAIN.

25X1D



-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE
LAST COVERAGE --

SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA

2239N 07951W
2246N 08258W
2258N 08227W

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SPECIAL AREA HOTEL
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR
SPECIAL AREA TANGO
TARARA LANDING BEACH
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION

2301N 08246W
2250N 08233W
2254N 08231W
2300N 08234W
2258N 08244W
2310N 08212W
2301N 08245W

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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT
NOT INTERPRETED --

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GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP

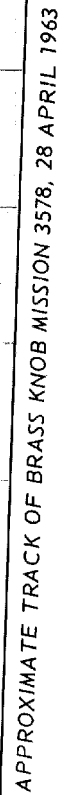
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